THE
Crying Charge.

Ezekiel 22.

Now thou Son of man, wilt thou judge, Wilt thou judge the bloody City? yea, thou shalt shew her all her Abominations, &c.

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To the High Court of Iustice, appointed for the Tryal of CHARLES STUART King of ENGLAND.

By the Lady *Eleanor Douglas*.

SHEWS,

THat *Kings consent therewith, how* Mervin *E. of* Castlehaven, *Lord* Audeley, *unmercifully was sentenced to death* Easter *term* 1631. *and in* May *cruelly executed at Tower-Hill, accused falsly of two crimes, what lewdnes could and malice produce; one,* Of his being accessary to a Rape committed on *Ann* his wife, done by a Page, one *Broadway; and,* Of Sodomy (*made death* H: 8.) committed with an Irish Footman, *Fitzpatrick O Donel; which aforesaid Lord* Audeley *indicted of Felony,*

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lony, brought to his tryal at weſtminſter, *the K. Attorney where ſhew'd,* The King like God, would extend to the priſoner all mercy: *Likewiſe the Lo: Keeper that day Lo: High Steward,* becauſe the cry was great of Sodom, *would ſee whether thoſe things were ſo; the Witneſſes whereupon call'd to appear, ſhe a common Whore her husbands accuſer, without ever appearing in Court, or taking any Oath, had there contrary to the Law, one of her conſorts that ſaid,* My Lady upon her Honor faith thus, &c. *or,* It was true.

The other Witneſs, the Iriſhman, *he a vagrant, had ſerved under the Emperor, although a Papiſt, had contrary to Law, his Oath taken at the Bar, refuſing the* Oath of Allegiance; *where askt by one of the Judges the maner, confeſt,* Not the act, but ſomewhat of a foul

nature, &c. *what such malice & the like might invent, promised to be the Queens Footman. The Attorney, one not to seek of his Errand, saying,* Howsoever, it was an act of Uncleanness; prayed the Court to proceed upon it: My Lords, *said he,* you have heard this odious Crime, how dark and mysterious 'tis grown; you must be curious therefore how you admit of any mitigation: *who accordingly his counsel took,* &c.

Upon which pronounced, Lord have mercy upon thee the prisoner, *to lose his life forthwith, of such promised mercy enjoyed the first-fruits.*

All which undue sinister proceedings by way of humble Petition signified to the K. when perceived to what a low ebb the cry was faln and his Chaplains, Deans and others appointed to attend the prisoner,

ner, partly by their relation, he thrice in their preſence had taken the Sacrament upon it, He was not guilty of thoſe criminals; *was pleaſed by them to let the priſoner know his gracious Anſwer,* He ſhould dye like a Peer of the Realm, be Beheaded, and not Hanged like a common perſon: whoſe Servants, his Page the principal, who ought to have ſuffered, before the acceſſary; he and his fellow-ſervant the Footman were brought to their tryal the next Term.

In behalf of whom the aforeſaid Broadway, *came up divers Gentlemen of the County to inform the King, able to teſtifie of the Youths coming home to his Fathers houſe, more then ſix moneths afore the time put down by her of the Raviſhment, this* Broadway *come away from his Lords ſervice.*

Who

Who at last cast; when upon the Ladder so far protested both his Masters innocency that way and his own; taking God to witness, A virgin he came into his service, and a virgin went forth of it.

O Donel *praying to St.* Dennis, *cryed out upon some of the Privy Councel that told him,* He must speak for the King, *and thought not to be served so.*

And this mans house utterly ruined, chiefly, because had declined Popery, before his untimely death ever suspected; endeavoring to reform his Family, by which means cast himself upon the mercileſs times. Mervin *Earl of* Castlehaven, *that faithful Martyr, suffering (as it were) between those twain,* one on the right hand, the other on the left, *the honor having to be the first* entred into the

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the joy of his Lord; *of whom notwithstanding the worst any in the world could say, was,* He had the best things in him of any, and the worst: *Upon the Scaffold making this his Confession;*

In the Name of God Amen.

I Mervin *Earl of* Castlehaven, *being in my full strength and memory, thanks be given unto my Maker, having been branded and openly accused for change, alteration and doubtfulness of my Faith and Religion; I thought fit, like a Christian man to give satisfaction upon what ground I stand for my belief, and to express it under my hand, for the satisfaction of all charitable people and Christians.*

First, I do believe in the blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons, one eternal and everlasting God, God the Father, God my Redeemer, and God my Sanctifier.

I do relye upon the merit, death and passion of our blessed Savior Christ Iesus, and upon his mediation for the remission of my sins.

FINIS.

I do

I do believe and use with most humble reverence our Lords Prayer, the Creed of the Apostles, and the ten Commandments, as they are set down and allowed in the Church of England.

I do believe the Canonical Scriptures, and that they are written by the inspiration of the holy Spirit.

And for the rest of my belief, I do refer it to the true Orthodox Faith of our Church of England. *And from the Articles received at this present in the Church of* England, *and confirmed by authority of Parliament, I do not differ in any point, renouncing all the Superstitions and Errors taught or believed in the Church of* Rome *or any other Church; in which Faith I will, God willing, continue to my lives end: In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my Hand this first of* May, 1631.

CASTLEHAVEN.

Psal. 116. Right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints.

FINIS.